

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 98-384-E - ORDER NO. 98-596

AUGUST 6, 1998

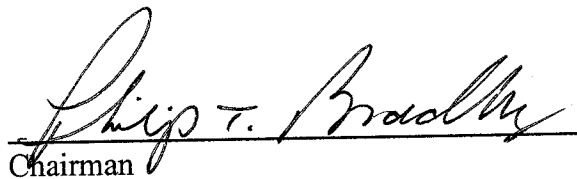
IN RE:	Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas)	ORDER APPROVING	✓ <i>WR</i>
	Company for Approval of a Contract for)	CONTRACT AND	
	Electric Service Between SCE&G and SKF)	ACCORDING	
	USA, Inc.)	CONFIDENTIAL	
)	TREATMENT	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for approval of a contract for electric service between it and SKF USA Inc. (SKF). According to the Company, the contract is for electric service provided to SKF's plant near Aiken, and it was necessary to offer this contract in order to attract the facility into SCE&G's service area. Further, the Company requests that any approval that we may give be retroactively to November 1, 1996. The reason for this is that certain aspects of the Customer's operations did not materialize as expected and negotiations continued during 1997. The customer has agreed to continue to receive service under the provisions of this contract. Finally, SCE&G requests that the contract be received under seal for Commission review and that the contract be accorded confidential protection pursuant to S.C. Regs 103-804 (Y) (2) (a) & (b) (1976 and Supp. 1996), due to the sensitivity of certain provisions of the contract.

We have examined the contract and hold that it should be approved retroactively to November 1, 1996, because of the circumstances outlined by the Company. Further, we hold that the contract should be received under seal and accorded confidential protection, specifically under 103 (Y)(2)(b). We believe that contract contains proprietary commercial information, and must, therefore, be found not to be a public record.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Acting Executive Director

(SEAL)